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LEGAL ASSISTANCE

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The Torii Station Soldier Family Legal Service Office (Legal Assistance Office) offers **FREE** legal services to all Military ID cardholders. This includes Servicemembers, DoD Civilians working in Japan, Family Members, and Retirees. In response to the pandemic (COVID-19), all legal services are by appointment only. If you need a power of attorney, notary, or any legal service, please call 652-4332 to set up an appointment. A legal assistance attorney is available to discuss personal legal assistance issues and one can normally see an attorney within one or two days of request. Emergency clients receive same-day service.

The Torii Station Soldier Family Legal Service Office does more than just powers of attorney. We provide assistance in several useful areas: Citizenship, Name Changes, Adoption, Family Law Matters, Military Administrative Matters, Economics, Consumer Protection, Real Property, Taxes, and Estate Planning. If legal advice or assistance is desired on a personal legal matter, the Torii legal assistance office is available to help you.

For those with legal concerns, it is important to not delay seeking legal assistance. If a notice to appear in court is received, an attorney should be seen right away. Most legal issues only become problems when neglected. In most cases, the sooner an attorney is consulted on an issue, the better.

There are some limitations on our legal assistance services. We may not advise clients with employment law cases, claims against the U.S. Government, or military criminal cases. For help in those areas, a private attorney should be consulted (we can help find one), or in military justice cases, a trial defense attorney. Under AR 27-3, there is a presumption that contactors are not entitled to legal assistance services. We are not allowed to provide legal assistance to contractors unless DoD is contractually obligated to provide legal assistance and then only ministerial services may be provided. The burden of proof is on the contractor to provide evidence that legal assistance services are required by the contract.